

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
HUMINT Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Members of the Former HUMINT Committee

FROM: Executive Secretary
HUMINT Committee

SUBJECT: Reorganization of the HUMINT Committee

1. On 10 January, the DCI approved an important change in the membership and operating procedures of his HUMINT Committee (HC). Henceforth, HC's responsibilities will be carried out by a small group of senior representatives from State, CIA, DIA, and the three military services. Ambassador Heyward Isham will continue as HC's Chairman. This smaller and more senior body will meet approximately every five or six weeks. (S)

2. The rationale behind this change was the conclusion that the larger HC had become unwieldy and, thus, unable to focus effectively on problems in the HUMINT field. The new framework should be a more effective means for transacting HC business and responding to the shifting requirements and concerns of the Intelligence Community and of the Director personally. The Committee members agreed, in their meeting on 18 January, that all the agencies formerly represented on the HC should continue to be linked to the Committee and that the skills they command should as before be systematically drawn on for the benefit of the Intelligence Community. The ways in which this purpose may be achieved may vary, however, and the Committee will be evaluating the terms of reference and the work plans of the six existing subcommittees and working groups, i.e., those covering R&D, open source collection, dissemination, computers/communications, CW/BW, and coordination/ collection. (S)

3. The Committee will keep Agency representatives of the former HC informed of its current concerns and projects. Whether in that context or as a result of their current work in the HUMINT field, these representatives are invited to forward relevant papers or action proposals to the Executive Secretary. The Committee's objective is to improve the quality of HUMINT collection, using innovative approaches, flexible allocation of resources, and an entrepreneurial spirit. (S)

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